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Railroad Construction

1. A plan exists for the construction of a railway from Karnobat to Fakiya, but the necessary resources are lacking and the raw materials are not available. All available resources have been thrown into the Pernik - Volujak line, which the Communist Party wishes to finish this year in accordance with the two-year plan.
2. The permanent way for the Karnobat - Fakiya railway has been partially traced out, and work has begun.

Electrification Schemes3. The Electric Power Station of Taja:

Capacity 4,400 kilowatts. Power to be generated by harnessing waters of the Taja and Bobka rivers situated in the mountainous regions of northern Bulgaria, i. e. Bela Slatina and Vratsa. The absence of a proper road leading to this power station is a serious drawback, but it is believed that this will be remedied.

4. Electric Power Station of Text-Nadejda (in the Sofia district):

- a. The foundation stone of this power station was laid on 22 June 1947. It is intended to make cheap electricity available to most parts of the town of Sofia for lighting, heating and transport.
- b. The power is to be generated by burning poor quality coal only (brown coal), which cannot be used for other purposes, and even the refuse of the town is to be burnt.
- c. The steam produced by the large turbines will be used for heating purposes in the region of Text-Nadejda, thus saving 75,000 tons of good coal which would otherwise be used for generating heat. This steam is to be conducted to the Georgi Dimitrov district of Sofia by a tunnel five kilometers long.

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- d. The electricity generated by this power station is later to be used for the electrification of the railroad line linking Sofia with Mezdra.
- e. This power station is planned to be completed and in operation by the end of 1948, the greater part of work being done by the labor brigades.

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